
From: ugradupdate
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To: undergraduate students (CC, SEAS, GS)
Subject: H1N1 Vaccine Availability

Dear Student:

As part of our ongoing effort to keep you informed of the availability of the H1N1 vaccine, I am writing with an important update regarding the distribution of the H1N1 vaccine. The New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene has just expanded the criteria for those who may receive the H1N1 influenza vaccine at DOH clinics to include individuals under the age of 24. Weekend Department of Health (DOH) clinics have been designated throughout New York City for individuals to receive the vaccine.

In addition to individuals under the age of 24, the DOH has now made the vaccine available for:

- anyone who is pregnant
- anyone in close contact with newborns
- people age 25 to 64 with a medical condition at risk for flu complications*

*These conditions include asthma, diabetes, chronic heart and lung conditions, kidney failure, or a weakened immune system.

If you identify with one or more of the above priority groups, we recommend you consider getting a free H1N1 vaccine at one of the clinics described below. These clinics will be open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturdays and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sundays.

November 14 - November 15

P.S. 290 Manhattan New School 311 East 82nd Street

November 21 - November 22

P.S. 92 Mary McLeod Bethune 222 West 134th St

December 5 - December 6

NYC Lab Middle School for Collaborative Studies 333 West 17th Street

December 12 - December 13

George Washington High School 549 Audubon Avenue

For other clinics in your area or for more information about the H1N1 health clinics, please visit the New York City Department of Health's flu website:

<http://www.nyc.gov/html/doh/flu/html/vaccination/index.shtml>

As you may know, Columbia University is still waiting for its full allotment of the H1N1 vaccine. When the University receives the full allotment, information on how to receive the vaccine on campus will be provided to the Columbia community immediately.

For more information about the University's plans, prevention tips and what to do if you are sick, contact Health Services at (212) 854-2284 or visit the Columbia Preparedness website:

www.columbia.edu/cu/student-services/preparedness

You may also wish to read more information about the H1N1 flu vaccine on the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website:

www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/vaccination/public/vaccination_qa_pub.htm

Sincerely,

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